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Information circular*

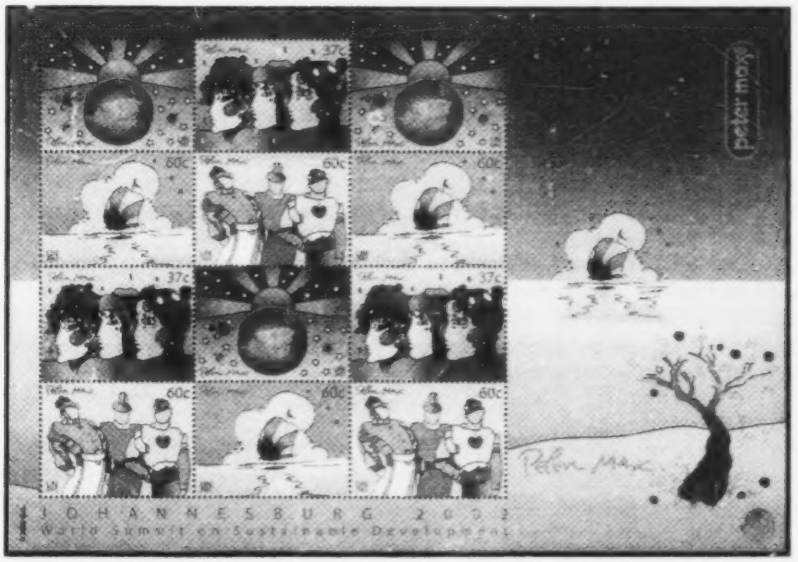
To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **First day of issue — 27 June 2002: "Johannesburg Summit 2002" stamps, souvenir card and postal stationery**

Commemorative stamps

1. On Thursday, 27 June 2002, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of 12 commemorative stamps and a souvenir card on the theme "Johannesburg Summit 2002".



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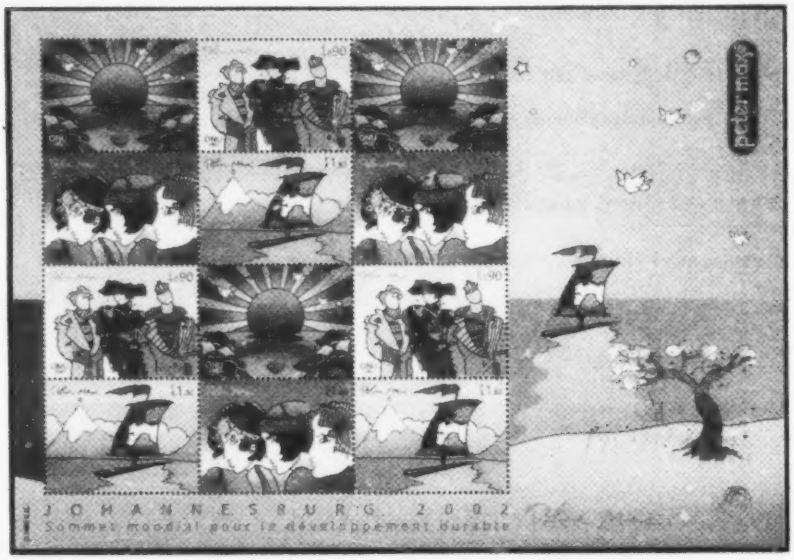
2. The denominations will be $0.37, $0.60, SwF 0.90, SwF 1.80, €0.51 and €0.58. The $0.37 stamp reflects the increase in first class postage in the United States of America that will come into effect on 30 June 2002. (*Note*: The mint stamps will be sold in a full sheet of 12 stamps or a single unit of two different vertical pairs only.)

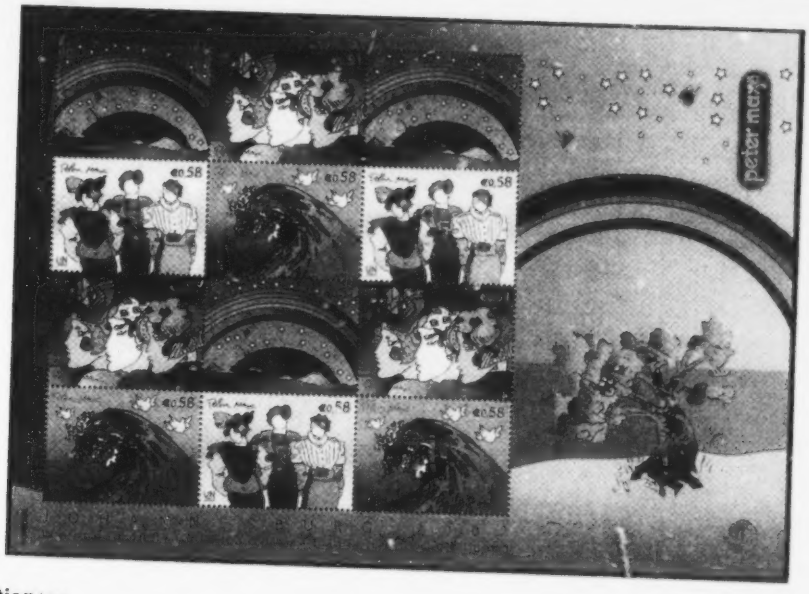
(United States equivalents — SwF 0.90: $0.58; SwF 1.80: $1.15; €0.51: $0.48 and €0.58: $0.54 subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

3. The stamps were created by Peter Max (United States) and mark the third time he has contributed his talents to UNPA on this important theme. Previously, Mr. Max created the stamps issued by UNPA to commemorate the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro and the 1997 Earth Summit+5 Conference in New York.



Souvenir cards

4. A souvenir card on the theme "Johannesburg Summit 2002" will also be issued on 27 June 2002. The card, which was also designed by Mr. Max, depicts the new stamps and carries a statement by the Secretary-General. The souvenir card will be available in mint condition and three cancelled varieties. Each cancelled card will be affixed with the stamps, bearing the appropriate cancellation, from the respective UNPA office in either New York, Geneva or Vienna.



Stationery

5. In addition, on 27 June 2002, UNPA will issue two new pre-stamped envelopes in denominations of €0.51 and €1.09. Both envelopes depict photographs of the International Centre in Vienna. The photographs are credited to Alexandre Lyssenko (Russian Federation). The envelopes were adapted by Robert Stein (United Nations).

(United States equivalents — €0.51 (+€0.22): $0.69 and €1.09 (+€0.22): $1.23 subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

General information

6. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first day covers on the UNPA official first day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Thursday, 27 June, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7. First day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

8. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.